



USAID/JAMAICA– WEEKLY REPORT

August 7, 2012 Highlights:



Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica, Ms. Denise A. Herbol (right) engages onlookers who took the time to browse through the USAID booth at the Golden Jubilee village to mark Jamaica's Emancipation Day on August 1, 2012.

♦ **USAID Participates in Jamaica's Jubilee Village** - USAID Jamaica along with the entire U.S. Embassy Mission in Jamaica participated in the Golden Jubilee village to mark Jamaica's Emancipation Day on Wednesday August 1, 2012. The Village played host to a multitude of patrons of all ages from all across the island and the world. Comprising a piano bar and a main stage - in addition to an exciting Children's Village - the Golden Jubilee Village was vibrant with entertainment and thought-provoking conversations. The Village also had a global reach as it was linked to areas in the United Kingdom, Canada and Miramar in Florida, and was also streamed live on the Internet.

♦ **MOH's Youth Intervention Team Hosts Summer Camps**— The Ministry of Health's HIV youth intervention team have been hosting a series of summer camps as an extension of their youth program. A total of 50 students from Norman Gardens High are currently benefitting from these activities. The non-residential camps are hosted at the Sex Worker Drop in Center

Upcoming Events:

- ♦ **Deputy Assistant Secretary Lilliana Ayalde to visit Jamaica** - Deputy Assistant Secretary Lilliana Ayalde will be visiting Jamaica from August 6-9, 2012. USAID will play host to Deputy Assistant Secretary Ayalde in three activities/site visits to DGP grantee partners in Rose Town, Trench Town's Jamaica's Music Institute Recording Studio, and the Jamaica AIDS Support for LIFE (JASL) for an Interagency PEPFAR meeting. These visits are expected to take place on Wednesday August 8, 2012, commencing at 10:00 am.
- ♦ **Mission Director to Visit Camp Summer Plus 2012**- Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica Ms. Denise A. Herbol will pay a courtesy visit to two school sites hosting Camp Summer Plus 2012. The visit will take place on Thursday August 9, 2012. Ms. Herbol along with a team from USAID/Jamaica and the Ministry of Education will spend the day interacting with students, teachers and parents and will observe the various teaching methods that have been implemented for the camp. Camp Summer Plus 2012, now in its second year, began on July 9 and will come to a close on August 10, 2012. The camp's two main aims are namely a) to provide focused, intensive, data-driven academic programs which are facilitated through technology and the arts, in the critical areas of reading and mathematics; and b) to provide nutritional, psychological, social and other support which are known to impact student performance.
- ♦ **Road Opening and Project Close-out ceremony for the Tropical Storm Gustav Recovery Project** - The Deputy Chief of Mission Dr. Raymond L. Brown, Mission Director of USAID/Jamaica Ms. Denise A. Herbol and the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries the Honorable Roger Clarke will participate in the official Road Opening and Project Close-out ceremony of the Tropical Gustav Recovery Project. This will be held on August 23, 2012. Under this project USAID/Jamaica donated USD\$3.2 million to assist with the Agricultural sector's recovery and rural roads infrastructure repairs following the passage of Tropical Storm Gustav in 2008. Resources were targeted towards providing assistance to agricultural production of key crops, including coffee, repairs and improved drainage systems for 35 kilometers of roads, increased production and improved marketing of selected crops and the rehabilitation of coffee farms.